

Amendments to the Specification:

Please amend the Abstract of the Disclosure as follows:

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~~A covering device for floor coverings (2) is described~~
~~with a profiled cover for floor covering is made from an~~
~~extruded profile and has a (4) that is provided with one~~
~~covering flange (6) and at least one clamping web (7) which~~
~~protrudes downward from the covering flange (6), extends in the~~
~~longitudinal direction of the profiled cover (4), and is used~~
~~for fastening the profiled cover (4) in a fixture. The cover~~
~~(9), with said device also comprising also comprises a~~
~~compensating strip (5) that can be employed if desired, by~~
~~being fastened to the profiled cover (4) by means of a form-~~
~~fitting tongue and groove joint, connecting to the underside of~~
~~the covering flange (6). In order to provide advantageous~~
~~manufacturing conditions it is proposed that the profiled cover~~
~~(45, developed from an extruded profile is provided with a The~~
~~tongue and groove joint is formed by at least one longitudinal~~
~~groove (14) in an underside of the covering flange for~~
~~retaining a lug (15) of a tongue in the compensating strip (5)~~
~~also developed from an extruded profile, all sections of the~~
~~covering flange lying flat over the floor covering they cover.~~
~~(Fig. 1~~